# **News From The Board of Medical Examiners**

# December 2016

### ACTIONS FROM THE BOARD'S NOVEMBER 4, 2016 MEETING:

> The Board's Adjudication Panel approved 1 amended stipulation at its November 4, 2016 meeting.

To receive Board Action Reporting Forms of disciplinary actions by the Medical Board, contact the BSD Compliance Unit at <u>dlibsdcomplaints@mt.gov</u>

- ➤ The Board reviewed 3 new applications for licensure and two tabled applications and made the following decisions:
  - Granted license—1 Physician
  - Granted license with conditions—2 Physicians
  - Tabled—1 Physician
  - Denied—1 Physician
- ➤ The Board elected James Feist, M.D. as its President for 2017. Tanja Brekke, L.Ac. was elected Vice-President and James Burkholder, M.D. was elected Secretary. Nathan Thomas, D.P.M. becomes Immediate Past President.
- ➤ The Board's new rules package will be available for public comment in January. A public hearing will be held on Friday, February 3 in the Board's meeting room in Helena. Among other things, it proposes to place the responsibility for intern and resident practice (including "moonlighting" by residents) on the educational program and reduces the amount of required chart review of Physician Assistants by supervising Physicians. Check the Board's website in the "Regulations" tab for more information.

### OTHER BOARD-RELATED NEWS:

➤ The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission will meet next on February 22 by teleconference. Notices for IMLCC meetings can be found on the Board's website.

### BOARD STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 (July-October):

License Type	Applications Received	<u>Licenses Issued*</u>
Acupuncturist	11	11
ECP (All Levels)	275	186
Nutritionist	23	18
Physician	182	187
Physician Assistant	t 50	42
Podiatrist	0	1
Resident Physician	18	36

<sup>\*</sup>Not necessarily from applications received during same time period.

The Board's next meeting will be Friday, January 20, 2016 at 301 S. Park Ave. in Helena. Information and agendas for Board meetings (inc. committee meetings) are at: www.medicalboard.mt.gov

#### Officers for 2016

#### **President**

**Nathan Thomas, DPM** 

### **Vice President**

James Felst, MD

### Secretary

Tanja Brekke, L.Ac.

## **Board Members**

# Acupuncturist

Tanja Brekke, L. Ac.

### **Emergency Care Provider**

**Charles Farmer, AEMT** 

### **Nutritionist**

Pat Bollinger, MS RD

### **Physicians**

James Burkholder, MD Anna Earl, MD James Felst, MD Bruce Hayward, DO Kristin Spanjian, MD James Upchurch, MD

### **Physician Assistant**

**Tammy Scott, PA-C** 

### **Podiatrist**

**Nathan Thomas, DPM** 

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# MT Academy of Physician Assistants Liaison

**Katherine Tetrault, PA-C** 

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